

Among Our Friends

Among the "Polka Experts" who judged at the New York Harvest Moon Festival were the two VILTITES: Jack Stukas of Hillside, N. J., and Murray Sherman of New York. Vince Samasaka, an ATEITIS dancer went to New York to enter the contest. He did not have sufficient time to practice with the girl provided as a partner, nonetheless they lost only by one point.

At the International Folk Festival held at Biarritz of the French Basque country, many VILTITES were present. Among them: Mildred Buchler and hubby, Mr. and Mrs. Von Konsky and their charges of dance tourists, Morry and Nancy Gelman with son Mike, Lillian Creisler and others. All bemoaned the fact that Americans were not represented by a dance group. To parapresent. Among them: Mildred Buehler and hubby, Mr. world could not afford to send a group — to the chagrin of all Americans present." Wrote Lil Creisler: "Shocked that the US had nothing except Jean Ritchie singing. It was wonderful, especially the Turks and Yugoslavs." All agreed the Yugoslavs and Turks stole the shows.

Kayo Brede of Minneapolis was roaming through the lovely Mexican States of Queretaro, Guanajuato and Michoacan. Thrilled with the sights Emily and Sophie Czernek, Chicagoans took in the awe inspiring Northwest of the US and Canada. Mary flew to Mexico. . . . Millie Libaw from L.A. made her annual pilgrimage to Israel, but the heat got her this year and returned a whole month sooner. Po' Millie . . . Helen Pomerance, Chicagoan, as usual spent this summer hosing around all over God's creation . . . Bernice Bromby, Torontoan, went to see if British Columbia is as pretty as Colorado. What's the verdict?

Neil Handelman, besides being a folk dance enthusiast and a camera fiend is also associated with the New York City publication "Zig-Zag" a unique mouth-piece for New York Enthusiasts, which (to quote one number) "uncovers places the native New Yorker has never seen or heard of under his very nose." It is a sort of "Where to go, what to do and what to see" deal. Very excellent.

It was a beautiful day in Reckford, Ill., so Mrs. Yankaitis and daughters decided to take a "spin in the country" but landed at Chicago's International House and saw "Harvest Romance" presented by ATEITIS, and LOVED what they saw . . . Eleanor Mellas, ATEITIS dancer and sweet songstress, went to Toronto (Canada) along with Choir Pirmyn during the Oct. 9th week-end to entertain the Toronto Liths . . . Rhoda Young, Phys. Ed. teacher of Parkland, Wash. high. school, is teaching folk dancing under the fancy monicker "Problems In Teaching Rhythms". What's yo' problem, honey chile? . . . Wenetta and Al Childes with daughters Carol and April all from Solana Beach, Calif., visited Ma Grybas, friends and old haunts in their former home of Chicago.

IMPORTANT PROMOTION FOR RUSS PICKERING

VILTIS always brags when any of its young people gets ahead in this world, and young Russ Pickering "sho done dood it again". Toronto (that's a city in Canada on Lake Ontario) aims to surpass Montreal, so she incorporated all the suburbs and became a terrific Metropolis. And for this new set-up they appointed our Russ "Assistant Secretary of Records" with the School Board of Greater Toronto. Good luck, Old Top.

SHOT OF BROOKS IN HOLIDAY

The July issue of Holiday Magazine (page 52) contained a two-page spread of a color picture of Taxco, Mexico, taken by Earl Brooks of Arden, Del. It is a beautiful view of the city from the top of the hill with the church being the center of interest. Mr. Brooks, who has a photography studio in Willmington, is also a noted square dance caller in the Delaware area.

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BLACK BEAR?

With apologies to the Wenatchee (Wash.) Journal and it's reporter M.L.W. We will reprint a few paragraphs about "Jack The Giant — Bear Killer", 17 year old son of the Loren Parkers, folk dance leaders of that area. What a man!

"Then the brave and venturesome hunter . . .

Jack, the son of Loren Parker

Strode into the forest, straightway . . .

With his trusty rifle, strode he!

And before the sun descended

Deep behind the hills o'Bodie

The young huntsman killed his quarry . . .

Killed the black bear, Aintee-fierce-skee!

This reporter apologizes profusely to Longfellow! She also apologized to the readers of the Journal! And if she ever meets Jack Parker in person to admit writing this. Especially if he is carrying his trusty rifle).

But after all, for a story of this kind one must create mood and atmosphere. Tell me this: how'd you like to meet a young high school sophomore who nonchalantly picks up a rifle, makes a flying leap into the saddle; heads for the tall timber, and before you can say 'Jack Robinson' (or Jack Parker) is back on the busy thoroughfare again, big black bear weighing 400 pounds!"

Our Folk In Uniform: Lt. Col. Wayne Wills, with Frau Clarice and young 'uns, spent October traveling through Greece, Yugoslavia and where not. They are stationed in France . . . Morry Gelman, formerly of Minneapolis and now of Munich, Germany, is becoming quite a connoisseur of the Platte. He is Schuhplattling all over Bavaria and the Schweiz and once he gets back to the States he'll be its exponent. At the moment he is conducting square dancing at the base . . . Lou Stukas, folk dancer and singer from Newark, N. J. and now in Anchorage, Alaska, besides his many other talents in the dance and song field is also becoming quite an actor. He was in the army play "Down In The Valley" and now in "Pure As The Driven Snow" (That's not about him — just an olde tyme mellow drama) . . . Paul Plungis, also from Newark now stationed in Anchorage, while passing the Y heard folk dance music, walked up and became acquainted with the leader who happens to be Juanita Wood. Well, Vyts was the subject of conversation and now Paul is doing some folk dancing . . . Fabian Dauzvardis, ATEITIS dancer now with the Air Force, came in on a flying visit to Chicago during mid-October. In Korea Fabe rooms with another ATEITIS dancer, AL Williams (Vilimas), while brother Ed is on his way home to be discharged. There are five members of the VILIMAS family belonging to ATEITIS . . . We hear say that Jim Rodostitz, Army man and ATEITIS dancer is engaged to be married to Pat. Yo's breaking hearts of many gals.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor:

Therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

St. Paul to Romans 13:10

Wedding Bells

Cernich — Piper

Ralph A. Piper, Phys. Ed. Prof. at the University of Minn. and wellknown Minnesotan folk dance leader, was married during mid-August to Miss Zora Cernich, also a Phys. Ed. teacher and folk dancer at Normal College, Ill. We all salute you with good wishes.

Saxton — Wieck

On August 29th two young folk were united into marriage at the St. John's Episcopal Church of Plymouth, Mich., Margaret Elizabeth Dean and John Charles Wieck. Margaret grew up in a folk dance atmosphere, for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Saxton, and her brothers, were folk dancers and "Circle Piners" from way back when. Happy Dancing to all of you.

Srupsa — Beuck

Mary Ann Srupsa, secretary of the ATEITIS folk dance group, was married on September 19th, at the Nativity of the BVM (Lith) Church to William Charles Bueck. Her sister, Dolores, also a former ATEITIS secretary, was likewise married while in the group. Now, brother John, tho only 17 and also a member of the group, must be casting his eye about, too. Ilgiausiu Metu to the newlyweds and Srupsa clan.

Wodman — Kaulakis

Good wishes galore are extended to Stella Wodman and Adolph Kaulakis, wed on Nov. 8th at St. George's (Lith) Church, Chicago. Stella's family pioneered among Chicago's Lithuanians of Bridgeport and she with her sisters were and are active in various Lithuanian organizations and Sodalities. It was at the Wodman home where many youth groups of the past met. Ilgiausiu ir Laimingiausiu Metu.

New Arrivals

Teresa Treonis

Bob and Stella Treonis said "We want a girl" so they got her on August 9th, weighing 9 lbs. Two little brothers, Donald and Norbert, welcomed their first sis. The parents are ATEITIS members. Ilgiausiu Metu.

Vincent Michael Shotos

The former president of Ateitis, Bruno, and his charming wife Lucille, are the proud parents of a son who was deposited by the stork on September 2. Sister Christine was asleep then. Ilgiausiu Metu.

Requiescat in Pace

Joseph Yankaitis

Deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Justina Yankaitis and her children upon the death of her beloved husband, Joseph, who passed away after a long illness on Sept. 6th, in Rockford, Ill. Mr. Yankaitis was a leading figure in the Lithuanian activities of that community. Amžina Atisj.



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